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In re Application of)
NAKAMURA) DECISION ON PETITION TO
Application No. 09/625,178) RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY
Filed: July 25, 2000)
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This is a decision on the petition filed on January 30, 2002, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on December 28, 2001, be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on January 30, 2002. The petition was filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Furthermore, the Office communication was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office communication originally mailed on December 28, 2001, is hereby reset to run FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF January 30, 2002.

The application file is being forwarded to the Central Files of Technology Center 2800 to await a response to the Office communication. No fee is required for the petition.

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